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GLENDALÉ CITY COURT WELCOMES NEW COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Glendale, Ariz. — Christopher Phelps joins the Glendale City Court as its new court administrator. His duties as the court administrator include supervising all non-judicial operations including court services, case flow, fines administration, records management and budget administration; supervising non-judicial staff; developing and implementing policies and procedures and serving as the Clerk of the Court.

Phelps comes to Glendale from Parma, Ohio Municipal Court located near Cleveland. He served as Chief Deputy Court Administrator in Parma since 1997. There he oversaw daily court operations, supervised and trained 25 people, prepared the budget, received and recorded monetary transactions, served as a liaison with the city of Parma officials and judicial staff and maintained the integrity of all court records.

"I'm looking forward to utilizing my skills and knowledge to help fulfill the Glendale's City Court's mission," states Phelps. "I've received a warm welcome here in Glendale, both from court staff and the weather."

Phelps is a graduate of Kent State University with a major in criminal justice. He was a spokesperson for the Leadership for Tomorrow program, designed to teach students about government. He was also a volunteer commissioner of a youth football league. Phelps acknowledged, "My family and I are huge sports fans and we look forward to attending Arizona State University athletic events and continuing our support to the Pat Tillman Foundation."

The recruitment process for Glendale's new court administrator began a few months ago to replace Catherine Clarich who was the previous court administrator between 2008 and 2013. The recruitment generated interest from numerous qualified candidates from various local Maricopa County court systems, as well as statewide and nationwide court experts. A special review team consisting of judges, current and former court administrators from local municipal courts and a programs specialist from the Arizona Supreme Court was assembled to help guide the Court and Human Resources Departments in identifying the best candidates for consideration.

For more information about Glendale's City Court, visit www.glendaleaz.com/court.

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